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Former Principal and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Robert C. Rae has issued the following statement concerning his resignation:

The submission of my resignation as Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Sir George Williams University, presented on Thursday, 12 December 1968, was a free and voluntary action on my part. The decision to resign was taken when I no longer felt able - physically or mentally - to respond effectively to the numerous pressures and demands placed upon me. While the decision to submit my resignation was made quickly, I had, for a long time, been considering taking this action.

At a time when university officers and faculty members should be giving even more attention to their immediate and internal responsibilities, they are called upon increasingly for intensive participation in a great many matters relating to the whole field of education. I am strongly in favour of this participation in the evolution of education, but some new organizational arrangements will have to be worked out so that this participation will not interfere with the effective operation of the individual educational institution.

The university is at the forefront of social change which calls for new patterns of relationships between the immediate members of the institution - governors, faculty, students, officers, staff and alumni - and with the community and the general public. One welcomes the growing involvement of all parts of the educational milieu and has faith in this process as the effective way of working together for personal and institutional development and growth. As with the increasing external participation, these internal patterns of involvement demand time and energy which is dissipated by immediate pressures and the day-to-day operating emergencies.

It was in the face of these pressures and demands that I felt that I could no longer effectively discharge my responsibilities as Principal of Sir George Williams University. I am deeply grateful for the wonderful experiences which I have had at Sir George for more than twelve years. I am indebted to my associates during this period for the privilege of sharing with them in the further development of a fine educational institution. I offer my best wishes to the Acting Principal, the officers, faculty, students, staff and governors of Sir George for every success in all of their future endeavours.

From the office of: Malcolm Stone
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